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- 1. Agence Europeenne de Presse (AEP) has signed a contract with France-Presse defining the fields of activity in which each may engage. AEP has agreed not to compete with France-Presse in the distribution of news, while in return France-Presse has agreed to give AEP a monopoly on news commentaries. The contract was negotiated by Charles Georges Veran, ex-editor of Petit Parisien, who is supervisor of KEP's editorial section.
- 2. Pierre Duny, former Director of Petit Parisien, is reported to be contending for the position of managing director of AEP, a position at present occupied by Jacques Loquin. Source stated that Dupuy is an able administrator with considerable capital at his disposal and is considered well qualified to head the financially hard-pressed AEP\*. He has a strong supporter in Veran and reportedly would be welcomed by AEP personnel. However, because of the widespread belief that he was engaged during the war in collaboration with the Germans, Dupuy has set as a condition for his services that the Federation de la Presse clear his name.

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